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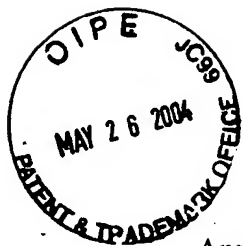
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Vlad J. Novotny  
Assignee: Active Optical Networks, Inc.  
Title: "DEEP-WELL LITHOGRAPHY PROCESS FOR FORMING MICRO-ELECTRO-MECHANICAL STRUCTURES"  
Serial No.: 10/027,882 Filing Date: 12/21/01  
Examiner: Ahmed, Shamim Art Unit: 1765  
Docket No.: AO-001-2D

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SUBSTANCE OF THE MAY 11, 2004 INTERVIEW

Sir:

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):  
(1) Ahmed, Shamim (Examiner, PTO personnel)  
(2) Arthur J. Behiel (applicant's representative)

Type of Interview:  
☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes or ☒ No

Claim(s) discussed: Claims 1 and 11.

Agreement with respect to the claims:  
☐ was reached ☒ was not reached ☐ not applicable

Identification of prior art discussed: None

Identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed:  
The examiner suggested that amending claims 1 and 11 to recite that the enumerated

elements proceed in the order written would place claims 1 and 11 in condition for allowance. The undersigned did not see a problem with the suggested amendments, but wanted to discuss the impact of such amendments with the inventor. The undersigned thus agreed to discuss the amendments with the inventor and call the examiner back on May 11<sup>th</sup> or May 12<sup>th</sup>.

A brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the Examiner: The examiner felt that the claims distinguished the cited art due to the recited time sequence, but was concerned that the claims could be read too broadly if not limited to a recited order. The examiner then suggested amending the claims to establish the recited order, for example by inserting the word "thereafter" after each claim element.

A general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed: None

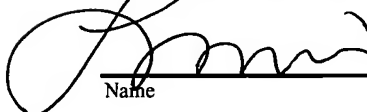
If appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview (unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner): Applicants' representative agreed to discuss the issue with the inventor and call the examiner back.

Respectfully submitted,



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